



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION IX

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Ms. Sherry Stewart
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Ms. Stewart,

The United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9 Office has received your November 17, 2012 letter addressed to Vice President Joe Biden regarding Denison Mines Corporation's plans to resume operation of the Canyon Mine project. We appreciate the concern you expressed for the well being of the local environment and the Havuspai tribe and thank you for your letter. In the coming weeks, the USEPA will contact the United States Forest Service at Kaibab National Forest and the tribal groups in the project area to look into the issues you have raised. We will also coordinate with those individuals within our agency with experience and expertise pertaining to the project, uranium mining, and the tribes involved.

We anticipate sharing any information we can gather regarding the issues you have identified via additional outreach to you in the next month. Thank you again for your time and interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Enrique Manzanilla", is written over a faint, larger blue ink signature.

^{for} Enrique Manzanilla, Division Director
Communities and Ecosystems Division